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(57) **Abstract:** A data communications method and system is disclosed in which the transmission control protocol (TCP) is used for data communications. In order to provide security against denial of service attacks and the like, a connection negotiation phase is required before the TCP handshake. Without a successful connection negotiation, a TCP handshake is unable to complete thereby preventing connection.

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